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Palm Sunday
Niedziela Palmowa
March 29, 2015

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy, respectful and dedicated people.

TODAY, MARCH 29, 2015

Events for the Week

Holy Mass: 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English



TODAY, Palm Sunday – *Blessing and distributions of palms*

Today we enter into Jerusalem with Jesus for the climax of His mission. Welcomed as a king and dying on a cross as the “king of the Jews”, Jesus helps us understand power and glory in a new way – the way of humility and enduring love.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38; **Wed.**, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Easter Triduum Readings:

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15; **Good Friday** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

HOLY TUESDAY, March 31st

10:00AM – Central Diocese Clergy Conference in Scranton.

4:00PM – Holy Mass of Chrism in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

That Mass, which the bishop con-celebrates with his presbyterium and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. To show the unity of the presbyterium, the priests who con-celebrate with the bishop should come from different parts of the diocese.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 1st

6:00PM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Helen Pastue**, of. by Children.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd – *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

The Mass of the Last Supper begins our three days of enacting the Easter mystery. In this rich celebration, we recall tonight the Passover meal that commemorates the liberation of Israel from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing of the disciples' feet.

6:00PM – **Holy Mass**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd – *The Lord's Passion*

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. The celebration of the Lord's passion takes place in the afternoon. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast **TODAY** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. These regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

12:00 (at Noon) – **The Liturgy of the Good Friday with adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion**

▲ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until **7:00PM**.

2:00PM – Frackville Lenten Ecumenical Service (First United Methodist Church).

7:15PM – **Stations of the Cross**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th

On this day the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the Holy Mass is not celebrated. Today's service is arranged in: a) a brief service of light; b) the liturgy of the word; c) blessing of water.

2:00PM – **The Liturgy of the Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle**

▲ After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets)

NEXT SUNDAY, April 5th - **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

9:00AM – **Easter procession**. After Procession – **Holy Mass** – intention: for All Parishioners.

Today's liturgy

Hosanna to the Son of David!

THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

Hymn of Faith...

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The faithful servant of the Lord is strengthened by God to face all the insults of those who attack Him.

Responsorial psalm: **My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?**

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Humble unto death, Christ Jesus is raised up as Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL (Philippians 2:8-9)

V. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

St. Mark tells the story of Christ's passion.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Jesus is the King who rules through humility, love and self-sacrifice. Let us pray to Him for all that we need for ourselves, our Church and our world.

- We pray for the governments and rulers of this world: that they may exercise their authority justly and honestly for the well-being of all their people. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the Prime Bishop **Anthony** and our Diocesan Bishop **Bernard**, and all who lead us in the Church: that they may follow the example of Jesus in His humble and loving service. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who suffer persecution for their faith: that they may know the loving support of the wider Christian community. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are sick: that they may trust in God's loving care for them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for our all departed – **Jan Zaborowski** – that they may see God in His kingdom. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, through fidelity to Your will, Jesus triumphed over sin and death. Help us, too, to do Your will so as to come to the fullness of life with Him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY VERSE

(Psalm 69:21-22)

V. Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for sympathy but there was none; for comforters and I found none. Rather they put gall in My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Matthew 26:42)

V. Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.

May the memory of our Lord's passion and death encourage you to follow Him faithfully.

COMING EVENTS

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 2 Diocesan Council Meeting

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

Apr. 5 Easter Sunday

May 16 First Holy Communion Day (Saturday – 11:00AM)

June 14 Confirmation (3:00PM)

July 26 Automobiles Blessing (after the Mass)

October 3 Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)

Nov. 8 Veteran's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to:

- **Members** of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lectors;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 22 – 22; March 27 (Bitter Lamentations) – 1.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; if your phone number or address change; if you have a prayer concern.

GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place after the liturgy until **7:00PM**. Please sign up your name on the list located in the vestibule.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Richard Seiler Jr.**, his wife and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Carnegie, PA and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Canonsburg, PA.

CONFIRMATION – Our **Diocesan Bishop** – the **Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki** will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP. The deadline is: **March 31, 2015**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 29 – Janina Plichta; Apr. 2 – Michael Chiao; Apr. 4 – Charles Chiao.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop Bernard Nowicki - Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky. At Nursing Homes: – **Frackville Nursing Home**: Ann Lech (108); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont**: Dolores Halaburda. **Fritzingertown Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

DEATH NOTICES – Sp. **Patricia Abicunas** (James Abicunas' mother) passed away on Sunday, March 22. Sp. **John Licholat** passed away on March 25. Sp. **Louise Gursky** passed away on Wednesday, March 25. *Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, o Lord...*

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Apr. 12:** Sp. Anna Folta; **Apr. 19:** Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; **Apr. 26:** Sp. James Dean; **May 3:** Sp. Anna Folta; **May 17:** Sp. James Dean; **May 24:** Sp. Patricia Abicunas; **May 31:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **June 7:** Sp. Josephine Studlick; **June 28:** Sp. James Dean; **July 5:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **July 12:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **July 19:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 23:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 27:** PNU Members; **Oct. 18:** Sp. James Dean; **Nov. 15:** Sp. James Dean; **Dec. 20:** Sp. James Dean.



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to private Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

2015/2016 - Upcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – Parents and guardians must bring their children to the church for Sunday Mass – at least 1 year before the class begins. It does apply to children who presently don't come to the church at all or once/twice a year. Holy Communion is to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, not cookies or a bar of chocolate – so children **must** be familiar with church services.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

Seven Last Words of Christ

1. “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).
2. “This day you shall be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43)
3. “Behold your son...Behold your mother” (John 19:26-27)
4. “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)
5. “I thirst” (John 19:30)
6. “It is finished” (John 19:30)
7. “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit” (Luke 23:46).

PARISH INFORMATION. Daily Masses as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness. (William Arthur Ward)